

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 2200
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Giant's Grave, standing stones and cairn, Beorgs of Housetter comprises two standing stones and the remains of a cairn of the Neolithic period, built probably between 4000 and 2500 BC. The two standing stones are both rough undressed blocks of red granite. They are 5.5m apart and aligned N-S. The southernmost stone is the larger of the two and stands 2.45m high; the northernmost stands 2m high. Packing stones are visible around the bases of both standing stones. Between the standing stones, a row of facing stones defines the E-facing concave façade of a probable heel-shaped cairn. The cairn is visible as a low spread of stones, with a large central capstone collapsed in situ which may be obscuring the chamber. The cairn measures around 7m E-W by 6m transversely, while the E-facing façade is up to 8m wide with a slightly off-centre entrance to the passage. The largest boulders occur in the façade, with smaller stones forming the kerbing around the sides and back of the cairn. The cairn stands at around 30m above sea level on a gentle slope at the base of the steep-sided slope of the Beorgs of Housetter and overlooks the Loch of Housetter 150m to the east. The area to be scheduled is a circle, 25m in diameter, centred on the monument. The scheduling includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment may survive. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Northmavine and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

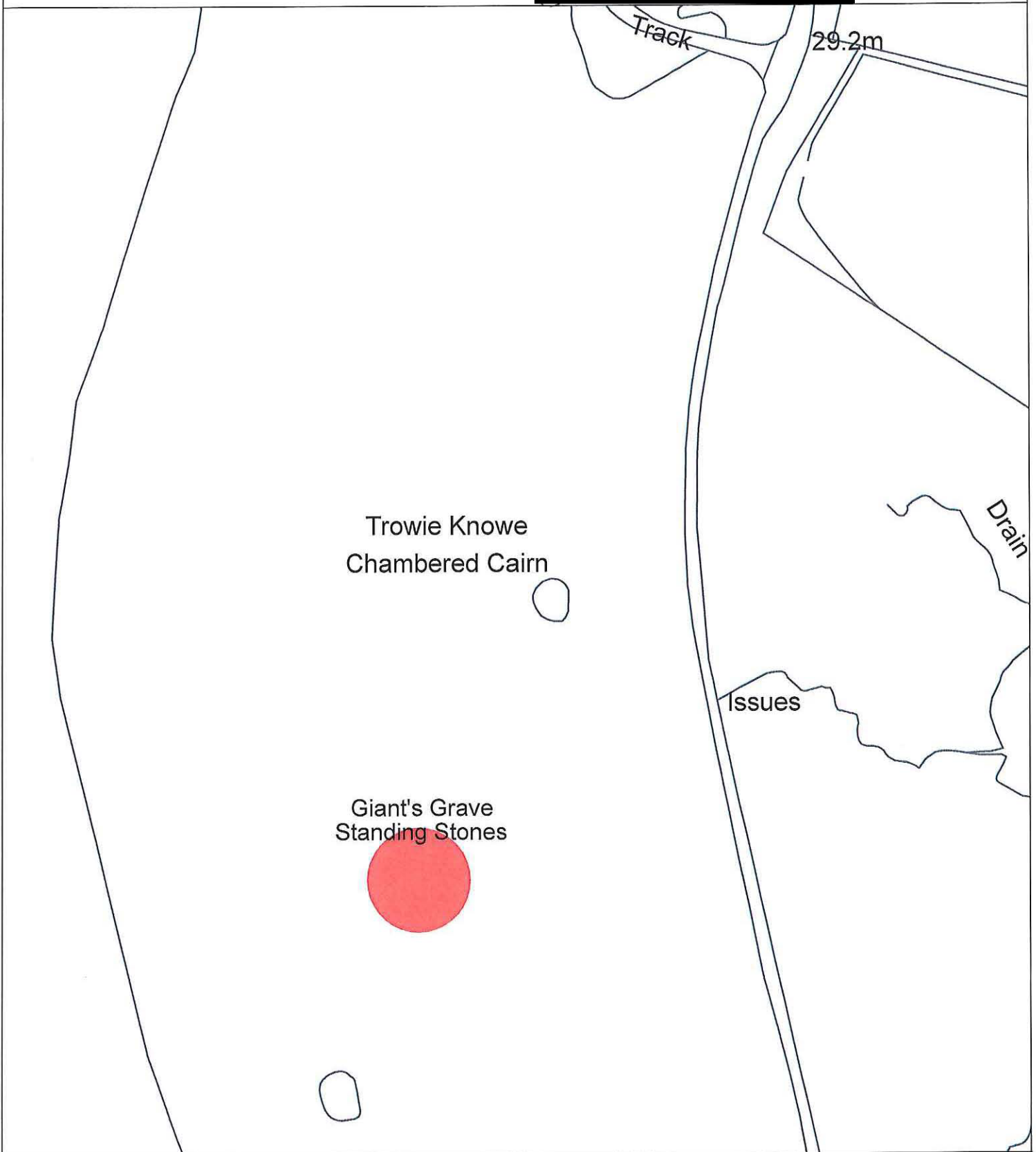
Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 7th day of June Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[REDACTED] Witness

[REDACTED] Director of Heritage Management

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Giant's Grave, standing stones and cairn, Beorgs of Housetter

dated: 7/6/12 and is signed as relative thereto. [REDACTED]



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Giant's Grave, standing stones and
cairn, Beorgs of Housetter

Northmavine Parish

Scheduled Area 



Mapsheet(s):
HU38NE

Scale: 1:1,250

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 Metres

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2012

Re: The Monument known as
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Beorgs of Housetter

in the Parish of Northmavine and
County of Orkney and Zetland

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